



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Physical & Economic Development Committee

MINUTES

August 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Commissioner Charles Trapp, Chair, at 11:34 a.m.
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MEMBERS PRESENT	Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff
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AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	26-304
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Paul Mellema, to approve the agenda of August 12, 2026. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff. Nays - none. Motion carried.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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MINUTES – MOTION NUMBER	26-305
Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Physical & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of July 1, 2026. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff. Nays - none. Motion carried.	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Dale Twing, Drain Commissioner
Not in attendance	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Leticia Nelson, Equalization
Not in attendance	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Darrick VanBoven, Maintenance Supervisor
Not in attendance	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Mark Kraus, Economic Development Director
Not in attendance	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	IT Department
Not in attendance	

MOTION NUMBER	26-306
Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to adopt the Park Commission Bylaws changes and authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff. Nays - none. Motion carried	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Asa Vermulen, Parks Director
- WMMBA bought some signs to put on section 7 to better guide the re-route. - Martin added more signage in Big Prairie Township.	

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, Administrator
Nothing to report	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MOTION NUMBER	26-307
Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to authorize the transfer of County Property, as indicated in drawing 26159AC and prepared by Newaygo Surveying Company, dated June 29, 2026, to the White Cloud Library and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff. Nays - none. Motion carried	
MISCELLANEOUS	None
ADJOURN – MOTION NUMBER	26-308
Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Mike Kruithoff, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff. Nays - none. Motion carried	
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	Charles Trapp, Committee Chair
DATE	September 2, 2026